(b) One agency was identified having two toll plazas; one at Samakhiyali (Samakhiyali-Gandhidham Section) and the other at Chalthan (Vadodara-Surat Section). It happened as the selection process of ex-servicemen for both the plazas was undertaken during the same month under the separate field offices. Later on, when the facts came to the knowledge of NHAI, Samakhiyali Toll Plaza was immediately withdrawn from the agency and a new DGR sponsored agency was engaged.

(c) and (d) In accordance with policy of National Highways Authority of India, names of ex-servicemen are sponsored by DGR as per the requisition placed by NHAI field units for any specific Toll Plaza. DGR sponsors names of 5 to 7 ex-servicemen. Hence, authenticity of the names sponsored, in checked at DGR level.

Declaring roads as NHs

†1902. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to declare a number of highways as National Highways in order to ease the traffic congestion on Golden Quadrilateral route;

(b) whether it includes Delhi-Dharuheda-Alwar-Sikandara-Dausa-Lalrot-Sawai Madhopur-Mangarol-Baran-Jhalawad-Neemuch-Pratapgarh-Banswara-Godhara-Dacor-Surat Highway;

(c) whether it also includes Kolayat-Naukha-Sujangarh-Salasar Sikar-Neem-Ka-Thana-Kotputli-Bansur-Alwar-Deeg-Bharatpur-Roopwas-Dholpur; and

(d) whether Mangalwad-Keer Ki Chauki-Saloombar-Aaspur-Sangwada-Maudasa-Nadiad-Anand-Vadodara Highway is also included?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) Some sections of the routes mentioned in the parts (b) to (d), namely Delhi-Dharuhera, Dausa-Lalsot, Pratapgarh-Banswara-Godhara-Sevaliy and Nadiad-Anand-Vadodara, are parts of the National Highways. There is no proposal for declaration of the remaining sections as National Highways.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.